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PRODUCTION OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are maintaining certain institutes to produce improved quality of seeds of agriculture produces;

(b) if so, the details of such institutes engaged in production of such seeds as on December 3, 1999;

(c) the annual average production of such seeds alongwith the varieties thereof, separately; and

(d) the extent of average annual requirement of such seeds being met by such institutions alongwith annual expenditure being incurred on these institutes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research organises the production of breeder seed with the help of its Institutes, Project Directorates, National Research Centresand State Agricultural Universities. The foundation seed and certified/quality seed is being produced by seed multiplication agencies of Government at central and state levels.

(b) Breeder seed production is undertaken through 16 Indian Council of AgriculturalResearch Institutes/Project Directorates/National Research Centres and 26 State AgriculturalUniversities. The certified/Quality seed is produced through National Seed Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India and 12 State Seed Corporations.

(c) The annual average production of breeder seed is about 45097 quintals and of certified/quality seed is around 10438631 quintals. These include about 673 improved varieties of around 63 crops.

(d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is fulfilling the demand of the breeder seedagainst the indented quantity. Government is meeting the requirements of certified/quality seed through its Central and State level seed multiplication agencies. The annual expenditure incurred on production of breeder seed is about Rs. 578 lakhs for 1998-99.